Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker: May I know whether the provision includes money for the purchase of vessels for the preparation of 'Kashayams'?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: No. Government are aware of the great difficulty experienced by them due to want of sufficient number of vessels. But they are very costly now.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

The Demand was passed and the grant was made.

DEMAND XXVII—PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION.

Rajyasevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai (*Director of Public Health*): Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 17,340 under Demand XXVII—Public Health and Sanitation. Out of this, Rs. 6 440 is required for the purchase of Pip Ready-to-spray Insecticide. It is an insecticide meant for the control of malaria. The other amount of Rs. 10,900 is to pay the cost of quinine and other anti-malaria drugs. For the improvement of Sambavar Villages in South Travancore some contingency expenses were also incurred. I request the House will be pleased to sanction the amount.

Mr. G. Ravi Varma: May I know out of Rs. 10,900 the amount required for T. A. and contingency separately?

Rajyasevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai: About Rs. 800 for T. A. and the other for contingencies.

Mr. T. M. Chidambarathanu Pillai: With regard to this Demand I have to say a few words. I oppose the motion with a view to bring to the attention of the Government the necessity for making Thovala a Sanitary Conservancy unit as early as possible.

President: The rule with regard to Supplementary Demands is that general discussion does not take place under that Head. Any question that arises out of the particular grant alone is open to discussion. Therefore, the sanitary rehabilitation of Thovala has nothing to do with the insecticide, so far as I can gather. This Demand is meant for a particular epidemic.

Mr. T. M. Chidambarathanu Pillai: Sir, then I do not press it here.

Mr. K. S. Joseph: I rise to oppose the Demand. There have been complaints and I believe adjournment motions were tabled and pressed for elsewhere regarding the prevalence of malaria particularly in my constituency. So far as I am aware very little has been done in the matter of investigation to find out whether the disease was malaria or something else. I wonder whether the Departmental Head has gone and visited at least a certain number of patients in those localities. They did not get down samples of the patients' blood to see whether it is malaria or some other disease. So far as I am aware, no such thing has been done.

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President: I think it is wrong. Government have been very anxious over the rather sudden outbreak of malaria epidemic in certain localities especially in certain localities which were not suffering from malaria for many years. One of such localities is Peermade. There has been no malaria in Peermade, at least in an epidemic form. I have given very strict instructions to test whether the cases reported in Peermade were malaria or not. I find that the examination of blood is going on.

Rajyasevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai: Yes, Sir.

Mr. K. S. Joseph: I wish I am wrong.

President: If there is any particular locality where the honourable member thinks that sufficient attention has not been paid, we will be only glad to hear if he mentions it.

Mr. K. S. Joseph: I understand that in my own constituency, especially Pathanamthitta taluk, there is very great prevalance of this disease so much so that much of the land that was given for paddy cultivation is, this year left fallow because the workers are suffering from malaria. It has been spread into the neighbouring pakuthies of the Tiruvella taluk. It is a matter that has to be gone into very urgently. I understand that the Director of Public Health passed along those places. But so far as I am aware he did not halt at any of those places where the disease was prevalent. He did not do anything of that sort. I request to make a survey of these places and see whether we can keep down the disease to relieve the suffering folk.

Rajyasevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai: I visited most of the malaria stricken areas and I wanted to see some local cases. But I was informed that there was no case there. They were all sent to the Hospital and the cases were diagnosed as malaria.

Mr. K. S. Joseph: Did the member visit Ranni?

Rajyasevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai: There are Sanitary Circle Officers and the District Officer there.

President: The suggestion is that the Director should visit the locality.

Rajyasevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai: Yes Sir, I shall visit the locality very soon.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

The Demand was passed and the grant was made.

President: I wish to bring to the notice of the honourable members one particular fact about the business before the House. I find that the Travancore Chitties Bill has aroused considerable interest and there are a large number of amendments tabled with regard to it. I find that there are also the Travancore Local

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Authorities Loans Bill and the Travancore Village Panchayat Act (Amendment) Bill. There is no difficulty with regard to those Bills. The House may consider whether it will not be expedient to deal first with those non-contentious items. Then, there is the Public Service Commissioner's report to be considered. It is for the House to say whether they would devote attention to that matter fairly early and then deal with the Chitties Bill, if necessary, in the next session or they would prefer to have the business as it is. The urgency with regard to the Public Service Commissioner's report is two fold. Government have placed this matter before the other Chamber. They took so much interest in this discussion that they practically forewent the day devoted to non-official business and discussed the report for two days. They have arrived at certain conclusions which were embodied in the form of one or two resolutions. Now it is for this House to consider whether this matter is sufficiently urgent and important to engage their attention straightway.

The other important and urgent matter, as has been indicated by me, is that Mr. Ure who is amply acknowledged elsewhere and I am proud to say has done fine work as Public Service Commissioner has requested me to relieve him from his duties because he wishes to retire. If the discussion on the report is not taken now it will have to come about 2 1/2 months later because the Budget has to be finished by Karkadakom, and early in Chingom I find that the Onam Holidays intervene. So there is great difficulty to fix another time for the discussion of this report. So it is open to the House to select either the Travancore Chitties Bill or the report of the Public Service Commissioner. I am bound by any decision that the honourable members may take in regard to this matter.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: I move that the discussion of the Public Service Commissioner's report be taken first.

President: The Travancore Local Authorities Loans Bill and the Panchayat Court Bill have received no amendments. So they might be finished first and then the discussion on the Public Service Commissioner's report might begin. The Chitties Bill may come up for discussion in the next session. Is it the general desire of the House?

The proposal was accepted by the House.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

THE TRAVANCORE LOCAL AUTHORITIES LOANS BILL.

Mr. N. Ramakrishna Pillai: Sir, I move that the Travancore Local Authorities Loans Bill as passed by the Assembly be taken into consideration.

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